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Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to our letter dated 8 March 2000, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the flight information region of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 7 to 10, 21 to 23 and 27 March and 4 to 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18 and 25 April 2000.

On 7 March, nine (9) Turkish military aircraft (6 F-16, 2 CN-235, 1 Gulf Stream) entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations. The CN-235 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Karpasia, before landing at 9:01 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The Gulf Stream aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Karpasia, before landing at 16:09 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The said aircraft departed the airport on 8 March at 8:23 hours.

On 8 March, 2 C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction. Early on the afternoon of the same day the two aircraft once more violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting towards the flight information region of Ankara.

On 9 March, one Gulf Stream Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 9:30 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The Gulf Stream aircraft departed the airport, at 12:44 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

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On 10 March, one Gulf Stream Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 11:32 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The Gulf Stream aircraft departed the airport, at 15:23 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 21 March, one KC-135 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction.

On 22 March, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction.

On 23 March, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction. Early on the afternoon of the same day, the same aircraft once more violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting towards the flight information region of Ankara.

On 27 March, one F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting towards the flight information region of Ankara.

On 4 April, one KC-135 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction.

On 5 and 6 April, one C-160 and one KC-135 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations. The C-160 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction. The KC-135 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 6 April, four F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 9 April, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 10:32 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The said aircraft departed the airport, at 11:54 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 10 April, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the

national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 7:27 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The said aircraft departed the airport, at 14:25 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 12 April, eight F-16 and two F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the areas of Morphou-Karpasia-Kyrenia.

On 14 April, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 17 April, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 11:26 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The said aircraft departed the airport, at 12:08 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 18 April, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction. Early that afternoon of the same day the same aircraft once more violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting towards the flight information region of Ankara.

On 25 April, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 8:24 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The said aircraft departed the airport, at 10:40 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

While strongly protesting these actions which violate international law as well as the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, and calling for their cessation, I would like, once more, to express the hope that the necessary positive attitude will be shown by Turkey so that the efforts for finding a just and viable solution of the Cyprus problem, on the basis of United Nations resolutions, will not be adversely affected.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 63, and of the Security Council.

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